

“GO, and TELL!!”



Part 3: “Humanity ... the view from heaven!”

**John 3:16-21; Genesis 3:22-24;
Exodus 20:4-6; Romans 1:18-32**

Introduction: You will not understand the human condition accurately and in depth until you read the Bible, God’s Word!

John 3:17-19: “ ... whoever does not believe is condemned already ... people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil.”

Only one thing is worse than being LOST: Not knowing you are lost, or denying you are lost!

Apart from the Gospel of Jesus Christ mankind is without God and without hope in the world!

It is the refusal to believe that people are spiritually dead, lost, separated from Christ, without hope and without God in the world, that has led to the substitute message that “God is love!”

I. Man’s disastrous fall ...

Genesis 3:22-24: “The LORD God said, ‘Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good AND evil.’ ... Therefore the LORD God sent him out from the Garden of Eden.”

It was not only the process of physical “dying” that began when man sinned ... the “spirit” of man DIED, and became separated from God, our Creator.

Genesis 6:5: “The LORD saw the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only EVIL continually!”

The “fall” of the human race not only made man sinful, but left man “full of sin” ... their very nature became bound by the shackles of SELF!

II. Man’s current state ...

The message we bring is not complete without confronting the sinner with his or her sin and the severe consequences of it ... in this life AND in the life to come!

Romans 1:18-23: “The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth. ... So they are without excuse!” (vss. 18,20).

Romans 2:1-5: “Because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed” (vs. 5).

The present state of every sinner is “guilty” before the holy God who has revealed “light” in His perfect law and in His perfect Son.

Ephesians 2:1-3: “And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked ... and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind!”

Romans 1:24-32: “Therefore, God gave them up ...” (vss. 24,26,28).

Paul wrote of himself, “Christ Jesus came into the world to SAVE sinners, of whom I am the foremost!” (1 Timothy 1:15).

Exodus 20:1-6: “You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God!” (vs. 5).

God’s “jealousy” is not like our petty jealousy, but rather is rooted in WHO HE IS!

Psalms 51:4: “Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.”

The true Gospel must include this bad news: the view of humanity from heaven!!

III. Man’s ONLY hope!!

GOD provides a way that upholds His justice and opens a “narrow way” to LIFE in His presence!

John 3:16: “God THUS loved the world (His creation), that He gave His only Son ... that whomever BELIEVES in Him should NOT perish, but have eternal life!”